

GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (GLEA)

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Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2025 - 4:00 PM.
105 N Elkhorn Rd., Williams Bay, WI 53191.

Virtual: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87517131149>

Meeting ID: 875 1713 1149

Members:

Chairperson Patrick Kenny
Vice Chairperson Mary Jo Fesenmaier
Rick Pappas, Jim Weiss, Carol McAdam, Alex Rasch, Rob Umans, LaMarr Lundberg

MINUTES

The GLEA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm, Thursday, September 18, 2025, by Chair P. Kenny.

Roll Call

Board Members/ Staff Present: P. Kenny (virtual) & R. Pappas (F), M.J. Fesenmaier (LG), C. McAdam (L), R. Umans & L. Lundberg (WB), D. Splinter (Scientific Consultant/UW Whitewater Professor), H. Baseman (Director), A. Townsend (Admin. Asst.).

Guest Present: None

Board Members/ Staff Absent: J. Weiss (L), A. Rasch (W), T. Jochman (Attorney)

General Business:

Public Comments

None.

- 1. Motion to approve September 21, 2025, board meeting minutes made by R. Pappas. Second by R. Umans.**
- 2. Monthly Review Items:**
 - a. **Motion to approve August 2025 Income Statement made by R. Umans. Second by R. Papps. CU.**
 - b. **Motion to approve August 2025 Balance Sheet made by R. Umans. Second by C. McAdam. CU.**
 - c. Bookkeepers August 2025 Disbursement and Donation reports were made available for review.
 - d. Treasurer's Report August 2025 was reviewed.

Possible action on the following business.

1. GLEA Bylaws Review

Reminder of the GLEA Bylaws that a quorum must be made up of at least three separate municipalities. Citizen representatives can vote if the elected representative is absent. Currently, citizen representatives can make motions when the elected representative is at the meeting. Discussion was about citizen representatives not being able to make motions when the elected official is present, but the board came to the agreement to leave it the way it is.

2. Municipality Contracts Update

Municipality contracts are on the budget for Fontana and Williams Bay. Lake Geneva discussed on September 18, 2025, and it is in the budget. Linn is to discuss it in October.

3. Lake District Meeting Update

Further meetings are needed.

4. Starry Stonewort

- Starry Stonewort bed mapping was conducted in Trinke and found that it is still mixed with native plants inside and outside of the lagoon. There is less SSW the deeper the water got, about 14 feet. There has not been much growth beyond what was found in 2024. These results are shared with WDNR.

- Starry Stonewort was found in the Abby Marina. The areas that have the most SSW were treated over the summer. It is believed that the treatment killed off the native plants and then there was nothing to compete with the SSW and it took over. Due to marinas having the right to not impede water ways and the amount of SSW the Abbey Marina has treated the site with SSW specific chemicals. A discussion will take place in the fall of 2025 to discuss long term treatment options.
- **Motion to purchase AIS signs for the Abby Marina made by R. Umans. Second by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU.**

5. Shoreline Protection

Boulder fields have been suggested to help with the shoreline erosion. DNR said due to liability this would not be allowed. SEWRPC recommendation is fish sticks, logs to break the waves. DNR accepts fish sticks.

6. Off Season Beach Monitoring Signage

DNR has been asked by organizations and cities statewide if a sign could be put up during off season beach monitoring stating water quality is not monitored. GLEA will ask DNR to make a few adjustments to the sign.

Motion to purchase 6 signs at the cost of \$160.00 made by R. Pappas. Second by R. Umans. CU.

7. E. Coli Stream Results

- Buena Vista – Animal
- Abbey Springs – Inconclusive
- Hillside – Human
- Van Slyke – Animal
- Big Foot – Inconclusive

Hillside already approved for pinpoint testing. Recommendation to add Buena Vista and Van Slyke to pinpoint testing. Figure timing on testing and add to budget for next year.

8. Dale Splinter Updates/Projects

Dale worked with USGS on lake and stream sampling data and the GLC on phosphorus data. Shared issues and ideas about Big Foot wetland area. The phytoplankton data for the past 40 years has been organized into spreadsheets. Dale recommends archiving everything we have now and starting a new file system. Dale will be crafting student projects with GLEA: wetlands, quagga mussels, and zebra mussels.

9. Intern Employment

Henry is available to work part-time until the end of the year. Motion made by R. Umans to keep Henry on as an Intern until the end of the year. Second by M.J. Fesenmaier.

10. Funding / Grants

GLEA will be receiving grants from Williams Bay Lions Club and Lake Geneva Garden Club. Motion by R. Pappas to retro act the Surface Water Grant Resolution for the August submittal date of the grant. Seconded C. McAdam.

11. Events

Hackmatack to host the Exotic Pet Surrender and the GLEA are co-hosting. GLEA is checking on insurance for events. The Director went to the Geneva Lake Conservancy Dinner, Lake Geneva Garden Club Dinner and will be presenting to the Fontana Garden Club on October 13, 2025.

12. Municipalities Updates and Reports

- a) City of Lake Geneva** – Budget meeting, looking at purchasing a harvester for weeds, Piers and Harbor committee looking at a lakefront plan.
- b) Village of Williams Bay** – No updates.
- c) Village of Fontana** – No updates.
- d) Town of Linn** – No updates.
- e) Town of Walworth** - No updates.

13. Next Meeting Date

- a) November 20, 2025, 4:00 pm.**

Motion to adjourn at 5:08 p.m. by M.J. Fesenmaier. Second by R. Umans. CU.

Dated October 31, 2025. Upon approval, posted at the GLEA office and website <https://www.gleawi.org/>. These minutes were recorded and transcribed by H. Baseman, Director.